

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

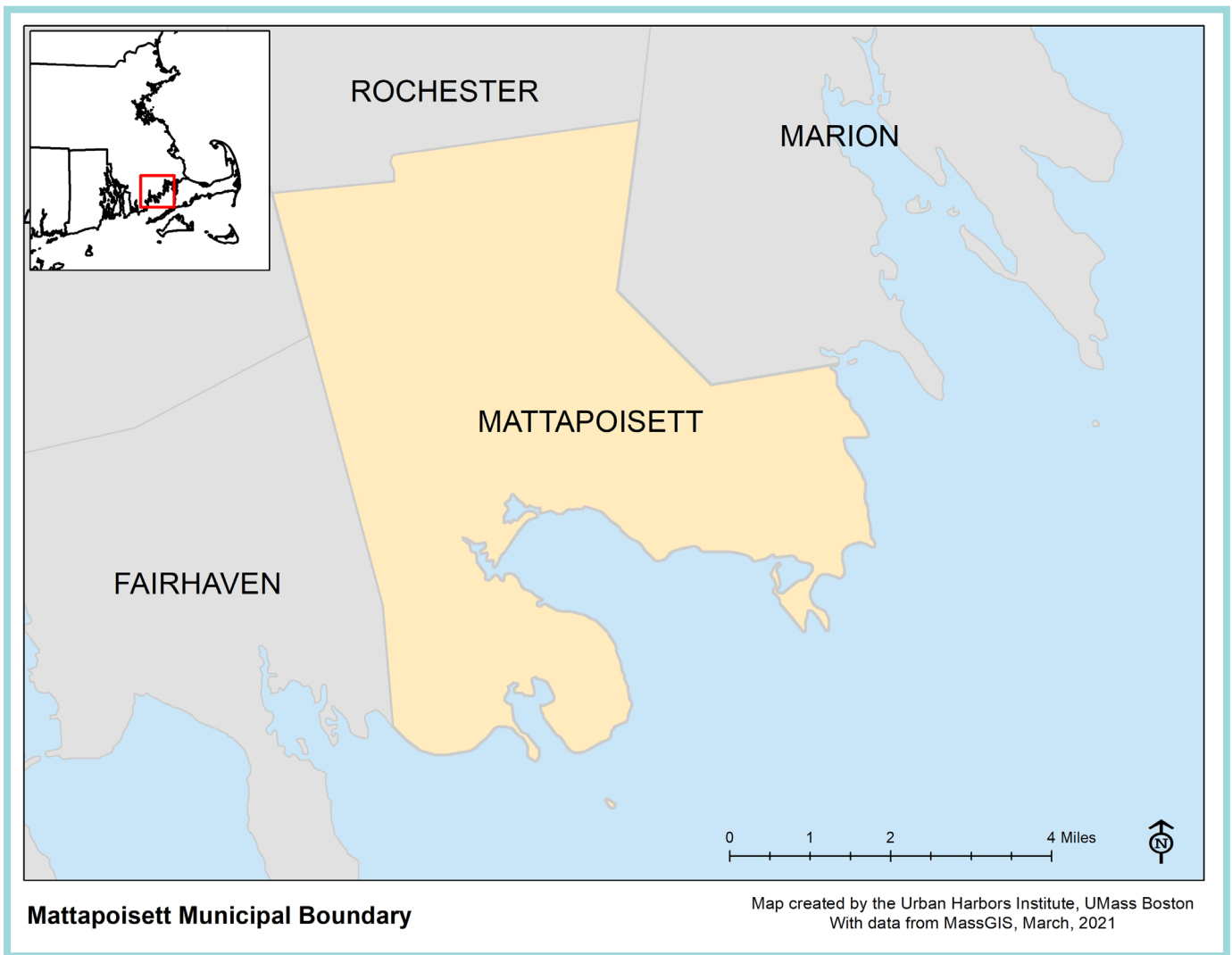
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional permits, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program's (ACCSP) Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS) Dealer Database, and harbormaster and fishermen surveys, these profiles provide an overview of the commercial fishing activity and infrastructure within each municipality. The Port Profiles are part of a larger report which describes the status of the Commonwealth's commercial fishing and port infrastructure, as well as how profile data can inform policy, programming, funding, infrastructure improvements, and other important industry-related decisions.

For the full report, visit the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries website.



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Key Terms:

Permitted Harvesters: Commercially permitted harvesters residing in the municipality

Vessels: Commercially permitted vessels with the municipality listed as the homeport

Trips: Discrete commercial trips unloading fish or shellfish in this municipality

Active Permitted Harvesters: Commercially permitted harvesters with at least one reported transaction in a given year

Active Dealers: Permitted dealers with at least one reported purchase from a harvester in a given year

Ex-Vessel Value: Total amount (\$) paid directly to permitted harvesters by dealers at the first point of sale

MATTAPOISETT

Located on the South Coast, Mattapoisett has one main harbor named Mattapoisett Harbor.

Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include:

- Shellfish (by hand)
- Aquaculture
- For Hire/ Charter

Photo Source: Google Earth

2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Mattapoisett's commercial fishery had:

- 40** permitted harvesters with a Mattapoisett address
- 30** vessels with a Mattapoisett homeport
- 86** trips landing in Mattapoisett
- 7** active permitted harvesters landing in Mattapoisett
- 4** active dealers purchasing in Mattapoisett



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Mattapoisett in 2018:

9,219 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$10,311***

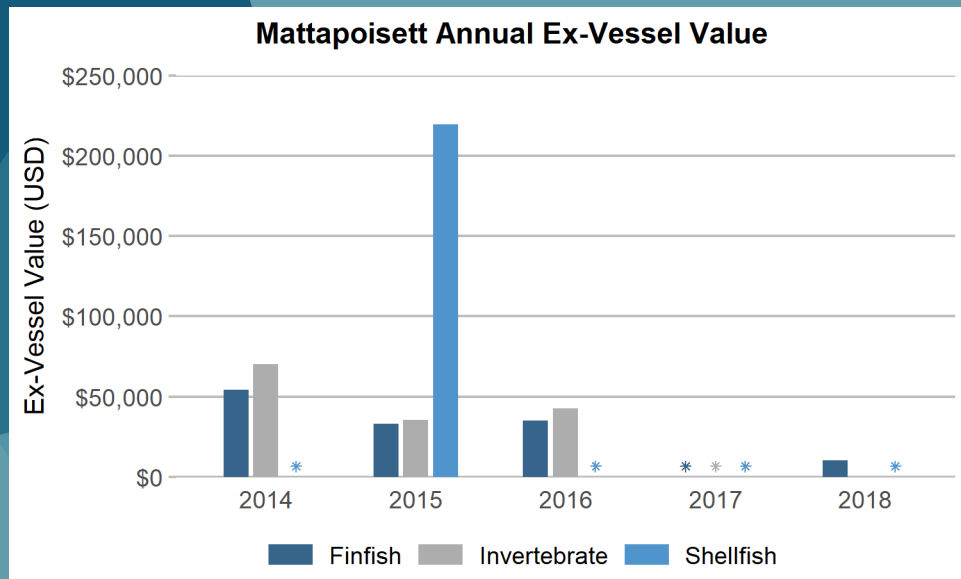
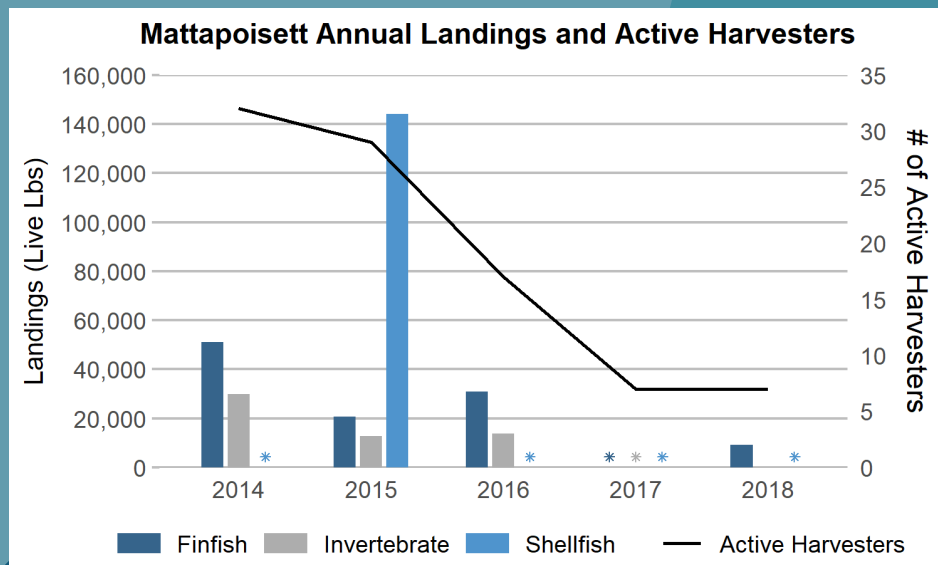
The top-ranked species, by dollar value, landed between 2014-2018 included:

- Sea Scallop
- Combined Conchs
- Eastern Oyster

*Does not include confidential shellfish landings

5 Year Trends in Commercial Landings and Value

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



* = CONFIDENTIAL, as fewer than three harvesters, vessels, and/or dealers reported in this municipality.

Status of the Commercial Fishing Industry

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Fishermen Survey Data

Mattapoisett is building an aquaculture industry, and scup, sea bass, and tatau fisheries are very active. On the other hand, the bay scallop, lobster, and hand-digging shellfish industries have been declining. Mattapoisett's commercial fishing fleet consists mostly of trailered vessels. In the last 10 years, the number of trailered vessels has increased due to a free ramp, free parking, and Mattapoisett's proximity to some of the best fishing grounds in the Bay. Non-trailered commercial fishing vessels have decreased likely because there are fewer young fishermen entering the industry.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Lack of docking space (only 28 spots, all reserved)
- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Limited parking
- Permitting process for infrastructure

Needs

- Repair to Long Wharf for offloading, truck traffic, and fueling
- Dredging (current depth is 7 - 7.5 feet at the docks)



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: None
- Slips: Tie-up to the town docks during winter
- Broadside berthing: None



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$60/year plus per foot charges
- Slips: \$100/month over 26', \$50 per month under 26' plus \$10/month for electricity
- Broadside berthing: Same as slips
- Transient dockage: \$20/night plus \$5 electricity/night



Photo Source: Google Earth

| Type of Infrastructure | Available? |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Ice | |
| Bait storage | |
| Trash disposal | |
| Commerical offloading | |
| Hoist | |
| Dock space | |
| Gear storage | |
| Mooring space | |
| Fueling stations | |
| Vessel repair | |
| Launch ramp | |
| Parking for fishermen | |
| Parking for seafood trucks | |
| Other | |

= Available